

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete paragraph [0001] from the specification and insert the following replacement paragraph with heading:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application is a continuation of United States national stage application Serial Number 09/284,051 filed June 9, 1999, the contents of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, which is based on International Application No. PCT/IT97/00240 filed October 9, 1997 which claims priority to Italian Patent Application No. RM96A000687 filed October 9, 1996.—

Please replace the paper copy of the Sequence Listing submitted in parent application U.S. Ser. No. 09/284,051 with the paper copy of the Sequence Listing enclosed herewith.